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Applicant : Schutt et al.

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MICROBUBBLE PREPARATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/405,447, filed March 16, 1995 and now United States Patent No. 5,639,443, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/099,951 filed July 30, 1993, now abandoned, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert the following new claims 137-154:

137. The microbubble preparation of claim 136 wherein said gas osmotic agent comprises perfluoropropane.

138. The microbubble preparation of claim 137 wherein said modifier gas comprises nitrogen.

139. The microbubble preparation of claim 137 wherein said modifier gas comprises

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